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BIRDS

Charles and Cousin Jean Become Great Friends of Birds

Charles—"Jean, don't pull his tail too hard or he won't come to me."

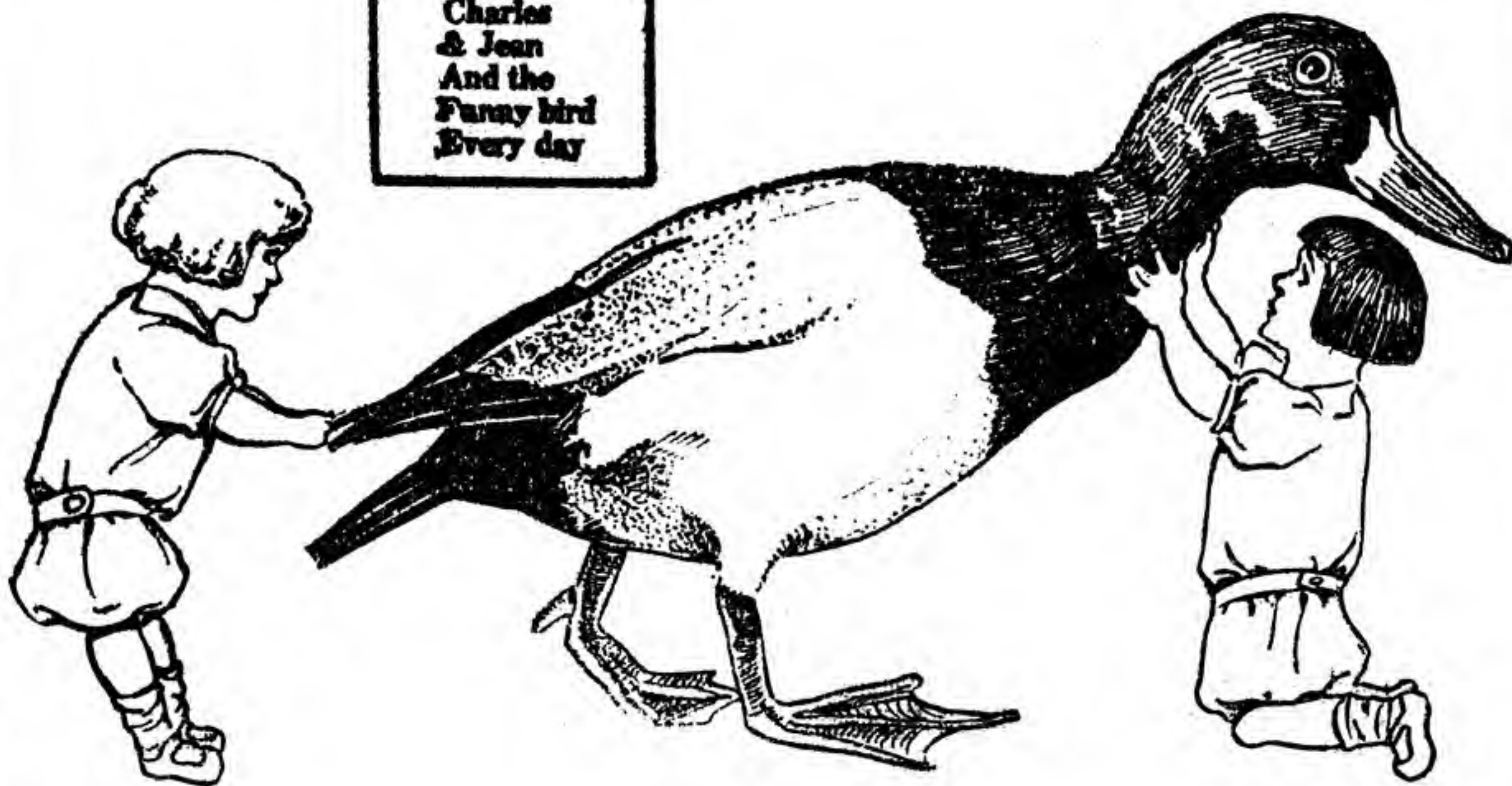
Jean—"Charles, I heard mamma say papa could eat a whole dish of this kind of duck—gee, but it must be good!"

Duck—"Charles and Jean, you can't eat me yet, because I want to have some fun with you two kids. Pull me around all you want before I fly away to-night. Watch for the bird who plays with you to-morrow."

Canvasback Duck

Head and neck dark reddish brown; breast and upper back circled by a broad black band, wings silver gray, plumage white with wavy black lines; found in North America from Rocky Mountains to Alaska, season autumn and spring, restaurants serve this delicious duck at a high price; fattens on wild celery, fish; some weigh twelve pounds, expert divers and swimmers, stay long under water; eggs buff, bluish tinge, nests near marshy waters.

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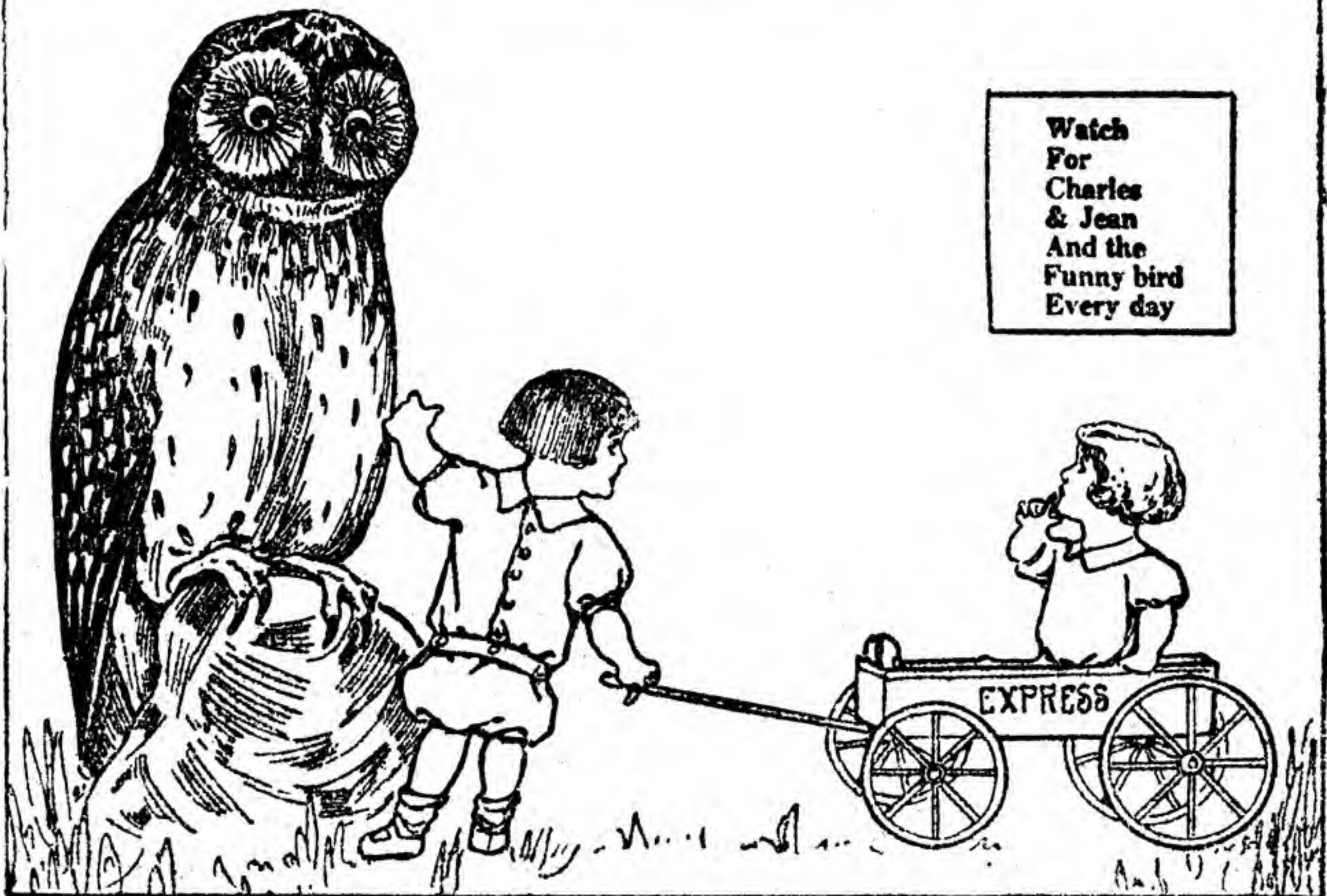
Jean—"Charles, look at this funny owl. Can he see us? My mamma once told me owls only see at night."

Charles—"Look Jean at his big yellow eyes, he makes me giggle, giggle. Shall I poke him once; he can't see us."

Owl—"Early this morning I met Bird Saw Bill, who told me he had so much fun yesterday with little Charles and Jean, so I came to play, too, but I fly away to-night and to-morrow send another bird to chum with you."

Short-Eared Owl

Lives in grassy places; in day time is on the ground, at night is seen flying over the meadows in search of food. It lays from 4 to 7 eggs. Lives generally from Virginia northward. It winters in Jersey southward—upper part of this bird is black, buff and rusty, under parts white and brownish, eyes are yellow; it looks wise.



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Belted Kingfisher

Likes to be near streams in back woodlands to get fish and shrimps to eat. Sings noisily and unmusically. white spot in front of eye, long thick bill, upper part grayish blue, wings and tail speckled and marked with white bands; band under chin white; seen mostly from Labrador to Florida. Its main season, March to December A pretty bird.

Charles—"Jean, oh look up the tree, see big bird; it's so pretty, it's looking at us so funny."

Jean—"If it flies down, Charles, will it swing with us? Maybe it will lay eggs—one for you, one for me."

Bird—"Jean and Charles, chum Short Eared Owl sent me to play with you. It's fine to stop flying and have fun, so you swing and I will sing best I can. I fly away soon, but a bird friend will come and play with you tomorrow."

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